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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER
SECRETARY BENSI

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1. SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO UNDER SECRETARY BENSI (GIUSEPPE SANTORO)
INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER NOVEMBER 13 THAT UNDER SECRETARY BENSI
IN PRINCIPLE WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WASHINGTON AT END
OF HIS LATIN AMERICAN VISITS AND BEFORE RETURNING TO ROME. SOURCE
WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT UNDER SECRETARY BENSI WOULD BE VERY HAPPY
TO DISCUSS ANY OR ALL ASPECTS OF US-ITALIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND
OF COURSE ANY OTHER SUBJECTS DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO RAISE. HE SAID
WEEK OF DECEMBER 3 SEEMS POSSIBLE BUT THAT PRECISE DATES WILL BE PRO-
VIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO US THROUGH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
SOURCE EXPECTED TO HAVE FIRM DATES WITHIN TEN DAYS.

2. EMPHASIS ON BILATERAL US-ITALIAN RELATIONS IS COSMETIC FORMULATION
TO MAKE THE POINT THAT BENSI WOULD NOT WISH HIS TRIP TO BE CONSIDERED
AS A VISIT TO DEBRIEF WASHINGTON ON CUBA TRIP. FORMULATION
MAKES CLEAR TO US THAT ANY SUBJECT IS ACCEPTABLE IN DISCUSSIONS
BUT FORMULATION MAY BE USEFUL TO BENSI IF ANY QUESTIONS ARE
RAISED BY HIS SOCIALIST PARTY COLLEAGUES WITH REGARD TO PURPOSE
TO WASHINGTON TRIP.

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3. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON PRINCIPALS. VOLPE

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